



April 3, 2020

Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Building
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Attention: Committee Chairs and Committee Assistant

Fiscal Research Division
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 619
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925

Re: Installment Financing by the County of Lee, North Carolina for Various Capital Improvements

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 120-157.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, the County of Lee, North Carolina (the "County") hereby notifies you of its intent to enter into an installment financing agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statute of North Carolina, as amended, in a principal amount of approximately \$9,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to pay the costs of (a) acquiring and improving certain land to be used for economic development purposes, (b) renovating the County's Government Center and (c) renovating and expanding the County Courthouse (collectively, the "Project"). The obligations of the County under the Agreement are expected to be secured by a deed of trust on all or a portion of the site of the County's Government Center constituting a portion of the Project, together with any improvements or fixtures located or to be located thereon. The payment of the installment payments under the Agreement will be subject to annual appropriation, and the County's obligations under the Agreement will not be secured by the faith and credit or taxing power of the County. No deficiency judgment may be rendered against the County in any action for breach of any obligation of the County under the Agreement.

It is expected that the Agreement will have a term of approximately ten (10) or fifteen (15) years. The financial institution to provide the financing pursuant to the Agreement will be selected pursuant to a request for proposals, at which time the interest rate shall be determined for the Agreement. The County expects to accept the proposal of the winning bidder on May 4, 2020, obtain the approval of the North Carolina Local Government Commission on June 2, 2020 and close the financing by June 19, 2020.

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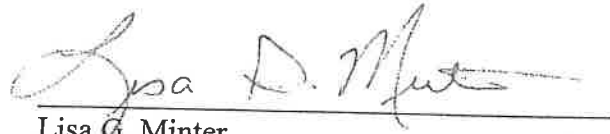
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If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lisa G. Minter", is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa G. Minter
Finance Director
County of Lee, North Carolina

cc: Joe Futima, Local Government Commission